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## Elba City Council approves another extension on sewer project enforcing liquidated damages

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council voted Monday night, Jan. 24, to give a second extension to the contractor working on the city's sewer project, but the new extension will include liquidated damages.

In July of 2021, the council voted, upon request of the contractor Blankenship Contracting, to give a 180-day extension [180 days] to the contract for the comple-

tion of the sewer system upgrades project. Council members were told at that July meeting that the contractor had said the 180-days extension would be allow enough time for the project to be done prior to the new extension date of Feb. 7, 2022.

During the Jan. 10th Elba City Council meeting, council members were told the contractor had indicated during routine project meetings that the project would

not be completed by Feb. 7th.

Monday night, Jan. 24, Billy Carpenter with Blankenship Contracting addressed the council asking for more time from the city to allow for the project to be finished while maintaining a good working relationship between the two entities.

Per the project contract, if the contractor does not complete the project by the approved deadline, the city can choose to enforce liquidated damages on a per day basis. The liquidated

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## Multiple drug-related arrests made Monday, Jan. 24th

Three individuals were arrested Monday, Jan. 24 by either Elba Police or Coffee County Deputies on drug-related charges, and they remained in the Coffee County Jail as of press time this week.

Coffee County Jail records indicate that Nathan Reed, age 43, of Troy, Ala., was arrested Monday by Elba Police. He was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 10:43 a.m. on charges of theft of property - fourth degree, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana - 2nd degree.

The jail records did not show a set bond on the charges as of press time.

Also, Monday morning, at 10:49 a.m., jail records indicate Heather Harper, age 33, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail after an arrest by Elba Police on theft of property - 4th degree, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana - 2nd degree charges. The jail records did not show a set bond on the charges as of press time.

At 11:22 a.m. Monday morning, Kevin Pope, age 35, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail following an arrest by Coffee County Deputies. His charges included possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], possession of marijuana - 2nd degree [\$2,500 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].



Provides more information on Coffee County testing site

## EMA director says COVID transmission currently 'high'

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County EMA director James Brown provided a COVID update during the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Jan. 24, in New Brockton, saying the current spread of the virus and its variants remains high in the county and state.

As of Monday morning, Brown said the state's numbers on the virus over the last 7 days included 56,734 new cases [about 8,100 per day]. Locally, he said Coffee County had 517 new cases confirmed during that same 7-day period [about 74 per day].

"Our positivity rates are really high currently at 50.9 percent," Brown said.

He said the virus also was making its way through the local schools. As of Thursday, Jan. 20, he said Coffee County Schools had 90 cases, Elba City Schools had 31 cases, and Enterprise City Schools had 216 cases.

As of Sunday, Jan. 23, Brown said there were 2,710 COVID patients in Alabama hospitals. He said those numbers show the state is nearing its peaks from previous spikes and getting close to the January 2021 numbers of nearly 3,000 COVID patients in Alabama hospitals.

Brown said the county still has the drive-through testing site open and operational on the campus of Enterprise State Community College in Enterprise. Last week, he said 941 tests were completed in four days at the site.

"We thank Enterprise State Community College for their support in providing a location for this site," Brown said. "We have had more of a demand than we first anticipated."

He said he had heard some citizens were having problems getting their test results back in a timely manner.

"Right now, they are saying it is tak-

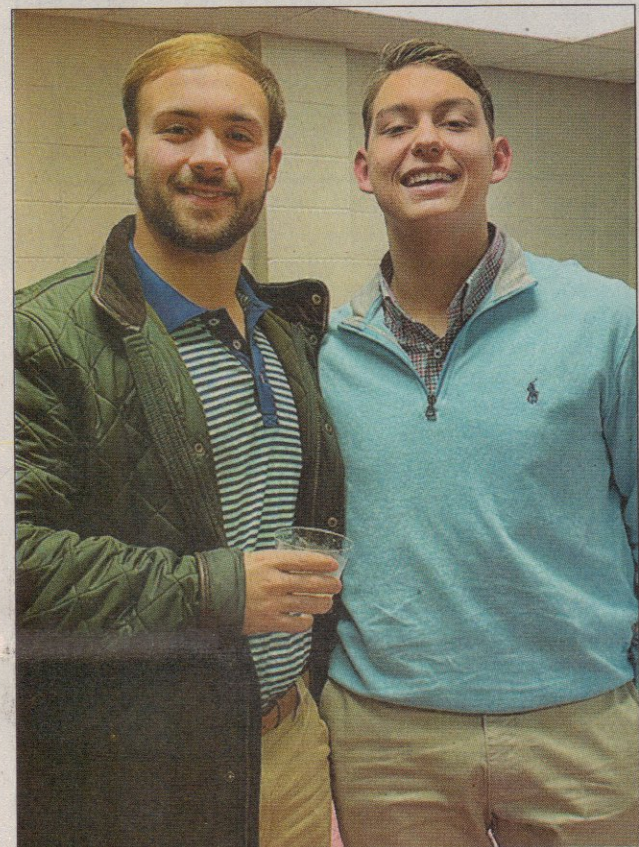
ing 36-48 hours to get results back," Brown said. "This is slower than we would like, but they are getting bombarded."

He said the easy testing sites are being conducted in several other locations across the state at the same time, and the labs have been experiencing issues keeping up due to the high demand for tests currently.

"We hope they are able to improve upon this and get it back down to 24 hours, however, there is an abundance of tests being received from all-over the country at this time."

The Coffee County testing is available in the ESCC Student Center Parking Lot (Parking Lot C) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The testing utilizes a Yale saliva PCR test. There is no out-of-pocket expense

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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP RECEPTION...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce, a sponsor of the Elba Youth Leadership Program, held a reception Monday evening, Jan. 24, at Elba City Schools for the members of the inaugural leadership class and their parents. Above, Collin Sauls and Whit Shehee, Elba High School seniors, are members of the first Elba Youth Leadership class.

## Commissioners vote to transfer property/building to City of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 24, commissioners voted unanimously to transfer ownership of a building and property located in Elba to the City of Elba.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the county owns the former adult day-care property and facility, located in downtown Elba, but that building is no longer being used as an adult daycare. He said the county had looked at alternative uses for the building with no avail; however, he said

the City of Elba does have a use for it.

Morgan said City of Elba officials had requested the ownership of the property/building be transferred to the city. Commissioners voted to approve that request.

Upon the administrator's recommendation, commissioners approved to resolutions.

The first was to approve voting place changes created by the recent redistricting in the county. Morgan said this had been discussed

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education took a step forward in planning for next school year Tuesday night, Jan. 18, when it approved the proposed 2022-2023 school calendar for Elba City Schools.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said the proposed calendar was almost identical to the calendar for the current school year, with the exception of teachers returning to school Monday, Aug. 1, and students returning to school four days [rather than three days later] on Friday, Aug. 5th.

"We felt like it would be good to be able to get four teacher workdays in ahead of the students returning to school," Moseley said. "We felt like this would be good for the teachers; otherwise, the calendar is basically identical to this year's school calendar."

As in the past Elba City Schools will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving in November [Nov. 21 - 25]. For Christmas break, students will go only a half day on Thursday, Dec. 15, before being dismissed for the holiday. Teachers will have a workday on Friday, Dec. 16, and then be dismissed for the holidays.

Following the holidays, teachers will return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 3, where they will have that day and Jan. 4th as teacher workdays, and the students will return to school from the holiday break on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023.

The Spring Break holiday for the 2022-2023 school year will be the week of March 27 - March 31. The last day of school for students will be a half day on

Wednesday, May 24th for next school year.

Other actions taken by the board during the January meeting included approving acceptance of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan presented to the school system by the Coffee County EMA office, and approval for an out-of-state field trip for 8th grade students [via the science department] to Wonderworks in Panama City Beach. This field trip was Friday, Jan. 21, with

just under 30 students participating.

Regarding COVID, the superintendent said Elba City Schools would remain open for in-person instruction unless staffing issues created a need to do otherwise. He said he realized other school systems had been forced to go virtual recently, but he did not see that being the issue for Elba as long as the system did not run into a staffing issue.

"As long as we can keep

the students in the building and have the staff to do it, we plan to stay open," Moseley said.

Also, Moseley updated board members in letting them know that Dennis James had rejected the offer [approved by the board in the December meeting] to be the custodian at the elementary school. He said principal Kenya Martin was still looking and interviewing for another candidate to accept the position.

### Elba City Schools

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School Closed/ Holidays Teacher Workday (no school for students)  
 1/2 Day students/Full Day Teachers

## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 WILL HOST A FREE PANCAKE SUPPER** on the evening of Monday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. The supper is to celebrate a successful year in 2021 and to thank the community for its support. Everyone is invited to attend, and it is free. The Elba Masonic Lodge is located at 340 Larkin Road in Elba.

**THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 2022 BASEBALL SEASON KICKOFF** will be Saturday, Feb. 5, with the annual Old-Timers vs. Rookies Hit-a-Thon and Game. This is a family event for all ages. The Old Timers Hit-a-Thon registration will be at 9:30 a.m. (\$25 entry fee) with the hit-a-thon beginning at 10 a.m. After a 12 noon lunch break, the Old-Timers vs. Rookies game will be at 1 p.m. [Times are estimates and depend on number of participants]. Pre-ordered ribeye sandwich steak plates will be ready on this day too and can be picked up at the baseball field from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST THE ELBA'S GOT TALENT** program Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. This talent show will showcase students in grades K-6 and allow students in grades 7-12 to compete - the audience gets to vote for their favorite acts. There will even be a "Teacher" category!



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream."* — Martin Luther King Jr.

Free Covid home tests are available from the feds. Guess you can say we 'cheated' on applying for these tests. It was officially announced that they would be available for ordering online last Wednesday. Well, the word leaked out that they were doing a 'soft' opening on Tuesday. We jumped on that and ordered our four free tests Tuesday afternoon. Of course, they have not yet arrived, but we avoided the anticipated system crashing issue with millions of people trying to log on at once. Also, for those trying to get on Wednesday . . . we were not hindering your efforts.

Our brain is still trying to compute the reasoning of our fellow citizens who are so adamantly opposed to the COVID vaccines but are making no progress in that department. The number of false claims floating around continues to expand and are being believed by lots of folks. There is an urge to address these false claims one at the time but that would only act as more publicity for each of them. Boston University analyzed thousands of couples who had survived the virus and found that the 'LONG COVID' infection itself is causing many of the side effects that gossip has attached to the vaccines. Thus, we urge our readers to NOT believe all those negative comments, many coming from those who should know better. About those people we have settled on an idea that they are willing to do whatever necessary, including toy with people's health (and life) just to gain political points. Even the thought of that being true is disappointing and embarrassing.

Elba is being blessed with an extended visit from the traveling Smithsonian Exhibit from early February through much of March. The display will be located in the renovated Elba Theatre 'on the square' in downtown Elba. Admission is free and the exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. beginning February 7th. There will be interactive displays, photographs, special programs plus something called "local water display." This is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Humanities Alliance and of course the Smithsonian Institute. We visited one of these exhibits several years ago when it was in Andalusia, featuring our native Covington County, enjoyed the displays and didn't feel our time was wasted!

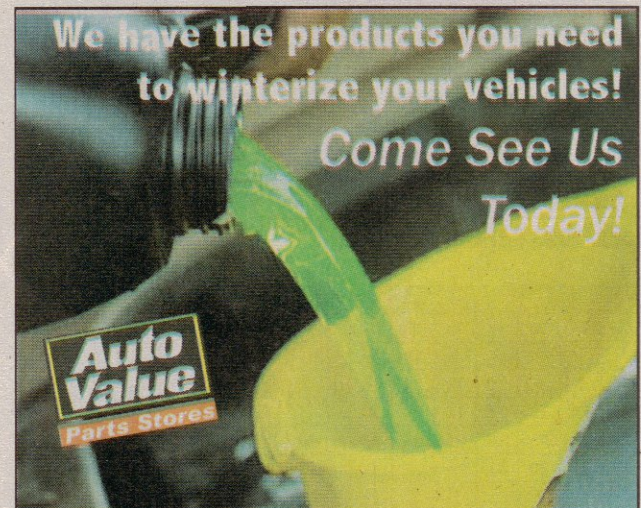
Prosperity gospel is apparently a growing part of the religious community. This is those "pastors" in both large and small independent 'prosperity' churches who advocate, and practice, getting rich. We read an investigative report recently that cited cases where those folks are rolling in millions of dollars and still soliciting more money from every pot they can find, including folks who don't have enough to keep adequate food on the table nor warm clothes on their back. We personally don't resent anyone who accumulates a sizable bank account, even well beyond their basic needs. . . unless it is on the backs of fellow citizens who are already coming up short of cash to buy life necessities every month. Those are bad guys!

We are reading a book from a former U. S. Representative about events in D.C. Now if you can't think about two extreme sides of a political issue . . . don't dare pick up this book. It tells details pro and con about many issues.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, January 18, 2022, and Monday, January 24, 2022, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Jan. 18** — Animal complaint reported at 973 Old Samson Rd — with impound (9:34 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 764 Claxton Ave N (12:11 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 203 and Hwy 125 (1:46 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (3:41 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 645 Reynolds Ave (6:13 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (7:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St C4 — an arrest was made (8:11 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (9:20 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with all resulting in verbal warnings.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19** — Suspicious circumstances reported at 850 Cedar Lane Dr (2:02 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Claxton Ave N (8:03 a.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with one resulting in an arrest and the other resulting in a written warning issued.

**Thursday, Jan. 20** — Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (4:17 a.m.); Harassment reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (9:23 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 804 Hwy 203 (11:10 a.m.); Burglary reported at 707 Reese Ave (12:09 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1950 Reese Ave (6:52 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 331 Dunham Ave N (10:55 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with both resulting in verbal warnings.

**Friday, Jan. 21** — Suspicious vehicle reported

at 381 Tiger Dr (1:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2242 County Rd 404 (8:34 a.m.); Burglary reported at 739 Claxton Ave N (1:04 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 835 Claxton Ave N (1:47 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (3:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 720 Reese Ave (3:38 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1305 Highland Dr (3:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (7:16 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (10:08 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations and one advice given.

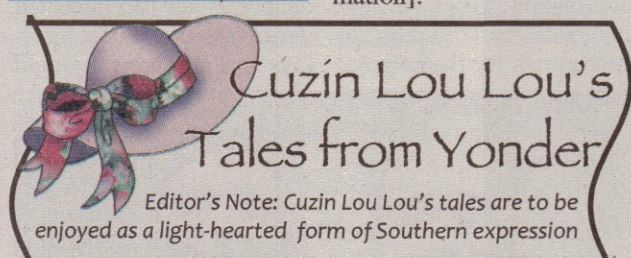
**Saturday, Jan. 22** — Trespassing reported at 739 Claxton Ave N (12:03 a.m.); Harassment reported at 656 Reynolds Ave N (12:38 a.m.); Drug activity reported at Beaver Dam St B-4 (2:38 p.m.). There were four traffic stops reported on this date resulting in two verbal warnings and two written warnings.

**Sunday, Jan. 23** — Trespassing reported at 1235 Claxton Ave N (12:12 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1245 Jones Circle (10:20 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 604 Kendrick St (11:16 a.m.); Disorderly person reported at 975 Smith Ave (12:38 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1050 Garrett St — an arrest was made (7:37 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, and one written warning.

**Monday, Jan. 24** — Suspicious person reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd (1:28 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (9:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Reese Ave/Caroline St (1:22 p.m.); Harassment report-

ed at 429 Plant Ave (3:22 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reynolds Ave (3:53 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave — an arrest was made (4:11 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on West St (8:08 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Adams St — an arrest was made (9:16 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

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Cuzin Lou Lou and Papa braved the cold last Saturday afternoon for a little while to work together and build a new grill gazebo that Lou Lou had purchased for the back patio. While they were outside, Lou Lou allowed Little Bean to run around a play to get rid of some of her "energy" that was in full-force that day.

Little Bean enjoys outside time in a fenced-in area for her own safety, and it also allows Lou Lou to carry on with her projects while not having to keep a watchful eye on the little one the entire time. Most days this works beautifully, especially when Little Bean is on her

## COVID

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to citizens, and both the insured and uninsured are welcome. Citizens are asked to pre-register is possible at <https://www.easytesting.com>, but it is not required.

For those already tested and waiting on results, Brown said a text message or email should be received indicating the test has been registered. If the citizen does not receive a text or email, he/she should call (310) 818-7994 or email: [support@easytesting.com](mailto:support@easytesting.com)

"Once you get the text or e-mail from the lab they should automatically contact you with results," Brown said.

However, he said someone wanting to check his/her test can go to this site: <https://elevationdiagnostics.com/> [When it asks for "Office Location Code \*required field" type ENTER in this box. Then put in the rest of your information].

best manners!

On this day, Lou Lou's little angel apparently was listening more to her inner-demon, and she decided it would be fun to dig a hole in the yard near the Yonder gang's house. After Lou Lou had scolded Bean a couple of times, she decided it was time to send the little one inside and let Sister deal with her while Lou Lou and Papa finished their project.

Several minutes later, Papa decided he needed to go inside to warm up a bit before the project could be finished. Lou Lou did not argue because she was freezing too!

Once inside, Lou Lou fixed Papa and herself a nice cup of hot cocoa to drink while they got warm again. When time came for them to return outside, Sister tells Little Bean she can go back out with Lou Lou!

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!" Lou Lou said to Sister! "She just got sent inside for not listening and now you are rewarding her by telling her she can go out again! What are you doing?"

Sister's answer was... "She came inside when you sent her in. Now, she can go back outside."

Ugh! Lou Lou was flabbergasted! "How do you expect me to discipline her if you go behind my back and do the opposite?" she asked Sister.

"I'm not going behind your back. I'm telling her right in front of you that she took her punishment, and now she can go back outside."

Deciding it was a lost cause, Lou Lou let Bean return to the out, but just as she suspected, she was being sent back to the in within minutes because... yep, you guessed it... she went back to the same crime that got her in trouble in the first place! She was trying to dig that hole again!!

When Lou Lou sent Bean back inside this time, she made sure Sister got the message to keep her inside this time!

The next time Little Bean went outside, she decided to pay a bit more attention to Lou Lou, and she stayed out of trouble! If only Sister would learn from Lou Lou... but, that's not likely to ever happen!!

On another note, the construction of the grill gazebo turned out really nice, and Papa only popped Lou Lou in the head with a piece of the equipment only once! There was no blood shed, thank goodness!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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The Republican Women of Coffee County recently hosted candidates for governor. Lyndy Blanchard, Tim James & Dean Odle spoke, while Lew Burdette joined the group by phone. Pictured left to right: Lyndy Blanchard; RWCC Incoming President Jan White; program chairman Carol Boylston; Dean Odle, and Tim James. RWCC meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Enterprise Country Club. Social time begins at 11 am; optional \$12 buffet opens at 11:30, and the program starts at 11:45. For more information, contact RWCC President Jan White, 334-494-3763

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ages for this project call for \$500 per day until substantial completion. At the time substantial completion is reached, the liquidated damages increase to 1,000 per day.

Liquidated damages cover costs for each day the project continues past the agreed-upon date of completion. These funds would be deducted from what the city owes the contractor for the work.

Carpenter, and other representatives of Blankenship in attendance for Monday night's meeting, noted several "issues" they had faced in the Elba project, but council members countered those explanations noting they felt the original extension to the project should have been good enough to allow the contractor to overcome said issues and still complete the project by the extended Feb. 7th deadline.

Council member Gappa Wise made a motion to extend the contract another

75 days [after Feb. 7th] with liquidated damages in place. Council member Bryan Grimes provided a second to the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote of the council.

This makes the new project deadline April 23rd.

During the discussions, Carpenter said he felt the project would be completed within two and a half months, which is where the council came up with a 75-day extension. If the project is not completed now by April 23rd, the council would have to decide again if it wants to give another extension with or without liquidated damages.

After the council approved the motion to provide the new project extension with liquidated damages, giving Blankenship Contracting until April 23rd to complete, Mayor Tom Maddox simply said to the contractor representatives, "we want the project finished."

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at a recent work session.

Commissioners also approved a resolution to authorize execution of a letter of intent for a renewable natural gas project at the county landfill. Morgan said the county had been pursuing such a project for some time and had discussed proposals at a recent work session.

County engineer Marty Lentz asked commissioners to accept a proposal from JM Wood Auction for the sale of five 2021 dump trucks at the company's March 15 - 19 auction. He said the county had received a proposal from JM Wood guaranteeing the sale of these dump trucks for at least \$175,000 each.

Lentz said the hope was to receive even more than the guaranteed \$175,000 each. Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the proposal from JM Wood Auction.

Also, the county engineer said the county had received a proposed minor subdivision plat for a development on County Road 514 by Boland and Boland LLC. He said this would be for 13 lots on 6.6 acres, and all documents complied with the county's subdivision regulations.

Commissioners approved the proposed subdivision plat.

Upon request of the sheriff's office, commissioners approved the surplus of a 2015 Tahoe from that office to Enterprise Rescue. Captain Michael Hines said Enterprise Rescue was in need of a second response vehicle and this vehicle item would meet that need.

The next meeting for the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Feb. 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

### SANDRA CLARK SKINNER

Ms. Sandra Clark Skinner, age 64, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Rhoades Cemetery in the Perry Store community under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested memorials may be made in honor of Ms. Skinner to the Zion Chapel Athletic Club, P.O. Box 23, Jack, Alabama 36346.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Elsie May Clark and Dr. James Harding Clark, along with a brother, James Thomas Clark.

Survivors include her daughter: Casey (Brandon) Fretwell, Eufaula, Ala.; sons: James C. (Carey) Skinner, Pearland, Texas; Matthew Clark (Marty) Skinner, Montgomery, Ala.; granddaughters: Eva Jade Barnett, Eufaula, Madelynn Lee Skinner, and Olivia Grace Skinner, both of Pearland; grandson: Landon Clark Fretwell, Eufaula; brother: Dr. Richard (Sherrin) Clark, Memphis, Tenn.; and sisters: Cheryl Young, Elba, and Patricia Jerkins, Rehobeth, Ala.

### MARVIN ELICE BEHRENS

Mr. Marvin Elice Behrens, age 92, of Opp, Ala., a former resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at his home in Opp.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Adam Carlee officiating. Burial followed in the Danley's Cross Roads cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Mr. Behrens was preceded in death by his first wife, Claudie Behrens; mother, Lillie Mae Behrens; father, Walter Behrens; and sons, Paul Behrens and Frank Behrens.

Survivors include his wife: Alma Jean Behrens, Opp; son: Harold Eugene Behrens, Corpus Christi, Texas; stepdaughters: Reba Shaw, Harpersville, Ala.; Joan (Ray) Santiago, Destin, Fla.; stepson: Bobby (Heather) Moody,

Brandon, Fla.; and a host of grand and great-grandchildren.

### JAMIR CASPIN GANTT

Baby Ja'Mir Caspin Gantt, of Opp, Ala., was born Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 and died the same day.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba, Ala.

Survivors include his father: A'mier Gantt; mother: Alexis Adkins; brothers: Tyrone Stoudemire and Keondre Stoudemire; sisters: Savannah Adkins and Ja'Tiyah Mount; and grandmothers: Tarshonda Stoudemire and Venekia Gantt.

### GLORIA S. BLUE

Mrs. Gloria S. Blue, age 85, of Enterprise, Ala., died Dec. 23, 2021.

She was born Aug. 13, 1936 in Elba, Ala., to the late Luke Simmons Sr. and Grace Simmons. At the age of 12, she joined Elba Zion Baptist Church.

She attended Mulberry Heights Colored School until 1955, when the family moved to Detroit, Michigan. She ultimately returned to Alabama. Gloria worked for over 30 years at Human Resource Development Corporation and retired in 1997.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 2021 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Don Blue, son, Arthur Grady Blue III, and a grandson, Montez Tony Blackmon.

Survivors include her son: Billy Don Blue Jr.; daughters-in-law: Claudette and Rene Blue, and Patricia Dawson; grandchildren: Dorian Bell, Billy Blue III, Anndrea Blue, Demetrius Bell, Shervell Bell, DeVonte Blue, and Janae Knox; siblings: Luke Simmons Jr., Eleanor Green, and Ann Hamm; along with a host of nephews, cousins, and friends.

### MARY FRANCES SMITH-CYRUS

Mrs. Mary Frances Smith-Cyrus, age 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.

She was born on July 7, 1938, in Florida, to Luke Smith and Flossie Bell Smith. She resided in McDonough, Ga. until her

passing. She was a graduate of Florida High School, and she also mastered her

passion in life and graduated from New York College of Culinary Arts.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at Hardin Street Cemetery in Opp, Ala. with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Cyrus; her parents, Luke and Flossie Bell Smith; her brothers, Jacob and Warren Lee Smith; and her sister, Thelma Jean Thomas.

Survivors include one son: Harold Tyrone Haynes, McDonough, Ga.; two daughters: Sylvia Johnson, Edison, NJ, Dr. Gretchen Haynes-Carter, McDonough; one stepson: Jake Haynes, Florida; grandchildren: April Nakea Blount, and Shantel Simone Johnson, both of Linden, NJ; Jaquan Wrancher, Lithonia, Ga.; Landon Lafayette Carter III, Brooklyn, NY; Samir Hammond Haynes, East Orange, NJ.; great-grandchildren: Stephon Aarahn Howard, Gene Allen Howard Jr. Clinton Zephaniah McDonald, Noel Hezekiah McDonald, Heaven Wrancher, Layla Lee Doss, Aaron Lee Doss, Milani Hammond; her sister: Janice Oats, Laurel Hill, Fla.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

### WINDELL KNOCKER JACKSON

Mrs. Windell Knocker Jackson, age 72, of Troy, Ala., died Jan. 5, 2022 at Baptist Health South Hospital in Montgomery, Ala.

She was born to the late Frank and Rosevell Johnson on May 5, 1949 in New Hope, Alabama. Windell was a faithful member to New Salem MBC and New Hope Baptist Church until God called her home.

Graveside services were held Jan. 15, 2022 at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Windell was preceded in death by siblings, Mary Joann Johnson, Willie Frank Johnson, and Willie Lee.

Survivors include her husband: Willie Jackson, Troy; one son: Ricky (Michelle) Moultry, Troy; two daughters: Maxine (Joretta) Moultry, Brundidge, Ala., Kimberly (Jimmy) Silas, Troy; one grandchild she raised as her own: LaQuann D Stewart; brothers: Samuel (Pearl) Lee, Chicago, Ill., Willie James (Michelle) Johnson, Hartford, Ala., Ammie James

(Joanne) Johnson, Stewart, Fla., and Willie Bobben (Mary) Bean, Dothan, Ala., two sisters: Willie Pearl (Eddie Willie) Moultry, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., May Dora (Pete) Walker, Enterprise, Ala.; sisters-in-law: Regina Johnson, Brundidge, Lucille (Marvin) Youngblood, and Carrie Varnes; brothers-in-law: James (Kathleen) Jackson and Freddie (Connie) Terry, eight grandchildren: Keyuante Moultry, Sharika Parnell, Marta Moultry, Tatyana Silas, Rikisha Williams, Diakist Johnson, Barbara Johnson and Shemica Johnson; great-grandchildren: Davion Stewart, Camryn Stewart, Ty'ana Silas, Ty'nyque Silas, Courtney Bransell, Ty'miya Silas, a special God-daughter: Tequila Banks, and a host of other relatives and friends.

### SCOTTY DWIGHT PATRICK

Mr. Scotty Dwight Patrick, age 51, a resident of Troy, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise due to complications of COVID-19.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Ozark, Ala., at 1 p.m. with Rev. Jim Peters officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 27, at Hayes Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Flowers will be accepted, or those wishing to make memorials, are asked to do so to the American Kidney Fund, c/o 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852, or to the Wiregrass Food Bank in memory of Scotty.

Those attending the services are asked to exercise social distancing and to use a mask.

Scotty was preceded in death by his father, Dwight Dallas Patrick, and his mother-in-law, Judy Ann Thomas.

Survivors include his wife: Amanda Lynn Patrick, Troy; mother: Brenda Patrick, Ozark; son: Joseph Farris, Elba, and daughters: Katelynn Farris, and Wendy Farris, both of Elba; brother: Donny (Season) Patrick, Aurora, Colo.; sister: Christy (Greg) Riemens-Van Larre, Ozark; nephew: Logan Riemens-Van Larre, Ozark; along with father-in-law: David Thomas, Elba; and a brother-in-law: Wade (Wendy) Hart, Enterprise, Ala.

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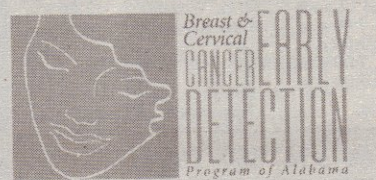
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### Ways to Support a Grieving Family During COVID-19

When a loved one is grieving a loss, one of the most important things they need is the love and support of those around them. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 virus is making it difficult to show empathy and support in traditional ways.

It is still vitally important to reach out to those who are grieving, possibly even more so, as they will likely find themselves more isolated than in the past.

Please note that, depending on the mandates from your city, state or the CDC, it is possible some of these suggestions may not be viable options. However, we hope they give you some ideas on ways you can support those around you even in this difficult time.

1) Sign the online condolence book. Our funeral home has an online condolence book for all of our families. You can leave a message online to let someone know you are thinking of them.

2) Never underestimate the power of your words. If you do attend a funeral, there may be times you will not be able hug or hold hands. Instead, make sure to express what you are feeling in words.

3) Provide a listening ear. One thing that never changes (and requires no physical touch) is the need for the griever to be able to express themselves without judgement.

4) Reach out by phone call, text or video chat regularly. One of the most important things you can do to support someone who is grieving is to continue to reach out to them. Video chat can be a good stand in for a face-to-face meeting for the time being.

5) Schedule meal delivery. It is also common when someone loses a loved one to provide support in the form of meals. If you are unable to make food and deliver it, consider scheduling a delivery of food from a local restaurant.

6) Send a card in the mail. Those who are grieving will often appreciate receiving a handwritten card in the mail. It's nice for the griever to receive something physical they can hold and read again and again.

7) Have comfort items or flowers delivered. You can create a care package and have it delivered to the griever's house. You can also likely schedule to have flowers delivered to someone's home.

If you need any other suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always here to help.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 as part of this devotion.

I can still remember the sound of the crash and the dread that coursed through me when the vase fell on the floor shattering. My parents were at work, my sisters on the other side of the house, and I thought maybe I could superglue it back together before anyone noticed. It started out well, but soon I had superglued more of myself together than the vase. I would have to fess up and inquire how to remove superglue. I bet many of us have attempted to put something back together that we broke before someone else noticed.

Ezra, Nehemiah, and Zerubbabel have a much larger task of putting together that which is broken. After the Persian Empire defeated the Babylonians, the exiled Jewish people asked if they could return home, and King Cyrus graciously acquiesced. They returned to Jerusalem to see the broken left by the Babylonians when the sacked the city. The walls were rubble and the great Temple in smolders, but under the leadership of Ezra, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel that which was broken began to be mended. The walls enveloped the city once more, the Temple soared into the sky, and the people returned to learning the law of God.

In Japanese culture their is a beautiful art form called kintsugi. This is the art of mending that which is broken, typically pottery, instead of discarding it as something worthless. Instead of supergluing an object hoping that none will see that it was broken, the cracks are highlighted with gold, silver, or platinum. This method makes the object even more beautiful and strong.

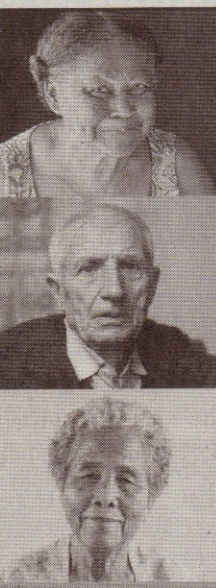
To me, this art form is one of the best expressions of the Christian life. We believe that everyone is broken. Some hide it better than others, but the cracks are there. God desires to mend our broken lives back together into a stronger life, a more beautiful life, a life of meaning and purpose. That's why I love the word "religion" for it comes from the Latin religio meaning "mend together again". May we come to see all of a broken creation being mending back together by the hand of God.

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

### Church trying to re-establish

### Holy Temple COGIC seeks sound equipment donations

Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C., located in Glenwood, Ala., is seeking a sound system donation.

The church is in a rebuilding phase, and any donations of this type of equipment would be greatly appreciated. The church is located at 111 Boyd Street in Glenwood [mailing address is PO Box 174, Glenwood, AL 36034].

For more information, email: [olabharris@yahoo.com](mailto:olabharris@yahoo.com) or call (334) 304-5951.

### Elba Senior Center will assist those applying for Senior FMNP vouchers

There are two components to the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs), the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FMNP, WFMNP and the Senior FMNP, SFMNP.

FMNPs provide a direct tie between production agriculture and nutrition by providing seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children the opportunity to buy fresh local produce directly from farmers.

Goals of the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs):

1) To provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers markets and roadside stands to low-income seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children.

2) To increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of farmers markets, roadside stands.

3) To develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers markets, roadside stands.

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### Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Praise to the Lord from Creation. Psalm 148: 1-14

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Estella Hooks, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Harold Williams, Elder J.C. Rogers, All School Children, Georgia Nelson, Christina Woods, Bill S. Kelley, Shelia Magwood, Robin Patterson, Mamie Belcher, Yazmin McNair, Rose Coleman, Michael Watkins, Phillip Musgrove, Myra Duncan

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Monica Henderson 2/21  
Tiffany Germany 2/21  
Robert and Pamela Edwards 2/21 W.A.  
Madeline Smith 2/24 (in memory)  
Dianne Culver 2/25  
Sterl Jones 2/25

### Royal Dress Code

How do royal families decide what to wear? In Britain, tradition old and new often dictates the answer.

Some rules about dress are driven by the current queen's preferences. For example, Queen Elizabeth II is not a fan of beards. Another of the queen's nos is for women to wear shoes with wedge heels. And these ladies would not dare be seen wearing bright fingernail polish!

Other rules stem from long-practiced traditions. Even when there is a nip in the air, the boys of royalty wear shorts and high socks in public. Hats are fine, but women of royalty should not wear them indoors after 6:00 p.m. And please – no bare legs. Pantyhose are a must, ladies.

British royalty does not have a monopoly on royal dress codes. Long before, Isaiah spoke of the dress code God requires for those who would enter His pres-

ence. But once we have such clothing through Christ, are we careful to respect His dress code? – J.E.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 1/27/22  
Q: After revealing himself to his brothers, Joseph wanted to know about whom? (Rachel) (Benjamin) (Jacob)  
A: Benjamin [Genesis 45:3]

Q: What was Joshua told to remove because where he stood was holy? (sword) (shoe) (helmet)  
A: Shoe [Joshua 5:15]

### Remember This:

Satan doesn't mind your commitments, as long as you don't keep them. It is better to earn recognition without getting it, than to get recognition without earning it.

### Questions for the Week of 2/3/22

True or False

Q: A woman with a bleeding problem touched Jesus' clothing to be healed.

Q: When Jesus walked on the water, the disciples shouted in delight.

Q: God 'shed' abroad in our hearts His love by the Holy Ghost.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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## Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH  
Richard Thorne Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Harry Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEAM BAPTIST CHURCH  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" & meal... 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA IS ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Phillip Adeock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

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Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC  
Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH  
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Greg Hancey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
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MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Will Jordan, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Lorearl Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

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Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st, 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

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Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH  
Shayne Allen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH  
Danny Bynum, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

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Kenneth Hagler, Pastor  
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Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.



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##### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors, to Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, on May 2, 2002, said mortgage being recorded in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 62A, at Page 92, and Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, by reason of such default, having declared all the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., on February 17, 2022, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

**PARCEL NO. I:** Lots No. 5 and 6 of the Ward Addition to the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; said lot bounded on the North by the land of Fred Free and Shirley Free, husband wife, (formerly owned by Mrs. A.J. Ward); on the East by Stephens Street; South by a 10 foot alley; West by lands of Mrs. A.J. Ward; running West 150 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence 100 feet to the point of beginning.

**PARCEL NO. II:** One ten foot alley bounded on the North by Parcel I described above (formerly the H.H. Bradberry property); East by Stephens Street; South by property of M.C. Free (formerly property of Mrs. Sallie Williams); and West by Mrs. A.J. Ward's property, running West 150 feet from Stephens Street, situated lying and being in the town of Kinston, Alabama, and being between lots four and five in Block I, Ward Addition.

The above referred to parcels of land being more particularly described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land lying and being in Section 20, T3N, R19E of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the Northwest right-of-way of Stephens Street and the North right of way of Hickman Street in the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence in a Southwesterly direction 150 feet, more or less to a point; thence in a Northerly direction parallel with the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a Northeasterly direction 150 feet to the West right-of-way of Stephens Street, thence in a Southerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet to the point of beginning.

**NOTE:** The above parcels of land are the same parcels of land conveyed by A.J. Ward and wife, Lena Ward to H.H. Bradberry on September 9, 1925 and November 24, 1931 and filed for record in Deed Book D-3 at Page 293 and Deed Book 1-A at page 446, Office of the Judge

of Probate, Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, Parcels I and II respectively.

**NOTE:** The property described hereinabove is the same property heretofore conveyed by Helen Lamurl B. Smart and Husband, James W. Smart to H.B. McWaters and Inez McWaters, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed, jointly for life with remainder to survivor, dated 24 July, 1982, filed for record in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 27th day of July, 1982 at 4:10 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Book 79-A at Pages 271-272. That H.B. McWaters died on May 5, 1994, and that said property came to be owned in its entirety by Inez K. McWaters, by virtue of the survivorship provision in the said deed.

In accordance with the above referred mortgage recorded as above said referred, the said Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors have been delinquent in payment of the note to the said Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Payees/ Mortgagees, which said mortgage herein referred suers for more than ninety (90) days and the said herein referred mortgage due in full and by law the Mortgagees herein give notice of default, payment in full and/or foreclosure as prescribed by law and the Elba Clipper, a local newspaper of general circulation in Coffee County, Alabama, shall publish this notice in said publication for three (3) consecutive weeks, that the real property will be sold at the Courthouse, Elba, Alabama as herein noticed, by auction and/or public outing the highest bids.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, and also together with all buildings, structures, equipment, fixtures and other improvements now existing, erected or installed thereon. Said sale will be made subject to the highest bidder for cash and the sale being subject to rejection and the action being set aside at any time and restrictions of record in the Probate Office aforesaid, matters of survey, and to any Federal or State Tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the premises.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage to Gayle Gist and Paula Gist, Mortgagees, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage.

/s/ Michael K. Harrison  
signature  
**MICHAEL K. HARRISON,**  
Mortgagee  
Kinston, Alabama 36453

/s/ Joan Stephens  
signature  
**JOAN STEPHENS,**  
MORTGAGEE  
Kinston, Alabama 36453  
1/13,20,27-chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JIMMY DAVIS, DECEASED.**  
CASE NO: PC-21-031

**NOTICE TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jimmy Ray Davis as Petitioner, respectively, of the Estate of Jimmy Davis, Deceased, who departed this life on the 10th day of April, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all persons that Jimmy Ray Davis, Personal Representative of said Estate, is now seeking a release and discharge and/or official settlement of the Estate, and said request for settlement/discharge is set for the requested to be discharged hearing, as follows: To be set for consideration on a day certain.

Notice is hereby given that said hearing on the discharge of said Personal Representative is scheduled for 22nd day of February, 2022.

/s/ Jimmy Ray Davis, esignature  
Jimmy Ray Davis, Petitioner of the Estate of Jimmy Davis, Deceased  
1/20,27 & 2/3-pd

**City of Elba Sec. 10-36. - Impoundment of dogs found at large; redemption procedure; disposition of unredeemed dogs.**

(a) Any dog which is found at large on any street, sidewalk, alley, thoroughfare or other place in the city shall be caught and taken by the animal control officers or members of the police department and impounded in the city pound,

(b) Any dog impounded may be retaken or redeemed from the pound by the owner or his duly authorized representative within seven days from impoundment of the dog or at any time thereafter before sale or destruction of the dog by paying the police chief or his representative a fee of \$25.00 for the first offense, which he shall remit to the city, plus the cost of keeping such dog in the pound at the rate of \$7.50 per day, which he shall remit to the city. Fees for repeat offenders shall graduate with the second offense being \$35.00, the third offense \$45.00 and the fourth offense a maximum of \$55.00. This shall be in addition to the charge of \$7.50 per day.

(c) Every such dog which has remained in a pound for seven days and which has not been redeemed or retaken by the owner or his duly authorized representative within seven days shall be sold, or adopted by the animal control officer after having first given 48 hours' written notice of the time of sale or adoption, with a description of the dog to be sold or adopted, by posting such notice upon a bulletin board at the city hall or any social media outlet which place of posting is hereby declared to be and is made and constituted a public place, open to the public. At such time, dog shall be sold or adopted at a price of \$25, which shall be remitted to the city, plus the cost of keeping such dog at the rate prescribed in this section.

(d) No such dog shall be released from a pound, either to the owner or his duly authorized representative or to a purchaser, unless and until such dog has been inoculated, as prescribed by law, and a certificate and tag, as likewise prescribed, shall have been issued therefor.

(e) Dogs not redeemed or purchased as provided in this section may be destroyed by the animal control officer in a humane manner without delay (Code 1968, §§ 4-15, 4-16; Ord. No.1981-2, § 5, 11-17-81; Ord. No.1989-1, § 5, 5-4-89; Ord. No. 1995-2, 7-13-95; Ord. No. 7242000, 7-24-00)

State Law reference- Authority to impound dogs running at large, Code of Ala. 1975, § 11-47-110. Adopted and approved by the Elba City Council and Mayor on this 24th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Tom Maddox  
Tom Maddox, Mayor  
1/24/22

/s/ Sally Bane  
Sally Bane, City Clerk  
1/24/22

1/27-chg.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*As if being tested positive for Covid wasn't bad enough,* it also meant that his Nanny and I couldn't see our little man the entire week. We did talk over the phone, but it wasn't the same as having him here with us every afternoon.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers have won more games* this season than they did in the previous two years combined, but still haven't been able to make much noise against area opponents as they lost to Zion Chapel last week and will finish last in the four-team area standings yet again. I know it will take time to turn the program back around and it is easy to see the team has improved by leaps and bounds, but it will be fun to be able to stay at home and host area tournaments in the upcoming years. Don't be surprised if it happens a whole lot sooner than many think.

\*\*\* *The Elba Lady Tigers split a pair of area games* last week to push their record to 10-10 and it looks like they will finish second in the area standings behind state-power G.W. Long. The Lady Tigers knew it would be a challenging season with only one starter back from a year ago, but have managed to hold their own against most opponents and have the type of team no one really wants to play. The girl's basketball program at Elba High has a solid foundation and this year's success is proof.

\*\*\* *The basketball season is quickly winding down,* and while everyone will have an 0-0 record when the post-season starts, all the teams want to finish strong and carry that momentum into the tournaments. On the boy's side, Brantley has lost two of its last three games and will have to be at its best to make it out of a very competitive area tournament, while Zion Chapel is a solid team and can beat anybody on any given night, despite late-season struggles against area foes. Kinston has picked up some wins late in the season and may be the 'surprise' team in its area, and New Brockton will have to play its best to even have a chance. Over with the girls, there are really no teams expected to make much noise when the tournaments tip off. Brantley has a good team, but plays in a very tough area, while Kinston has begun to struggle late in the season, Zion Chapel is improving but not yet a contender, and New Brockton is young and has its better days ahead. Wow, I guess basketball season could end a little early for many of the teams in our area.

\*\*\* *It was an interesting week* for area high school football fans with Enterprise hiring Ben Blackmon away from Spanish Fort as its new head coach and Pike County hiring ex-Bulldog quarterback Mark Hurt to lead its program. However, the most interesting headline to me was the news Pike Liberal Arts had applied to join the AHSAA. Pike Lib, located in Troy, has been a member of the AISA since its inception, but last season was one of only 11 Class 3A schools in the entire state that played football, and obviously saw the writing on the wall about the future of the private school organization. Pike Lib has been a dominant force in private school athletics in recent years and has won three straight baseball championships, two straight football titles and is heading for its second straight basketball crown, and that success led to problems finding smaller schools in the private school ranks willing to compete with the Patriots. According to a published report, last season the basketball teams traveled a total of 1,720 miles to compete in twelve road games, while the baseball teams logged 2,048 miles, the volleyball teams logged 1,124 miles and the softball teams traveled 2,230 miles. One example given was a volleyball match in Atmore on a Tuesday night that brought with it a three-hour ride, one-way, resulting in six hours on the road on a school night. This season the basketball team has five road trips to Florida for games, while the baseball team has trips planned to Georgia and Mississippi. School offi-

cials expect to be placed in Class 2A in the AHSAA in all sports, and while it is too late for the football team to be placed in a region for the next two years, all other sports are hoping to step right in and be eligible to compete for post-season action in the 2022-2023 seasons. While the football team would have a two-year wait to compete for a state title, school officials also reported they had already spoken with a number of area schools that had open dates and were confident the team would be able to fill a complete schedule for both years. Some of the smaller private schools may last another few years, but it is past time for the AISA and AHSAA to work together and come up with a plan that is best for the students in both organizations.

\*\*\* In closing.... I have always believed that real coaches could care less about their win-loss record and care much more about the players they coached during their careers and how they may have helped them mature along the way. While I haven't coached in years,

## Record slips to 5-15

## Tigers fall to late Rebel rally 51-41

The Elba Tigers dropped a pair of area contests last week as their record for the season dropped to 5-15 and their area slate slipped to 0-5.

Following is a recap of last week's basketball action:

## G.W. Long 53 Elba 43

The Elba Tigers continued their struggles against area opponents last Tuesday night with a 53-43 home court loss to the G.W. Long Rebels.

Chrystyle Caldwell and Jordan Marek were a force inside in the opening quarter and combined to score 11 points to help the Tigers grab a 13-11 advantage. However, Elba managed only two field goals in the second quarter and watched as the Rebels carried a 31-24 lead in at the half.

Elba's offense continued its struggles in the third stanza, but tightened up on defense and headed into the fourth quarter trailing only 35-30. Alvin Henderson scored 11 points in the fourth quarter to spark life back into the Tigers offensive attack, only to see Long also catch fire and pull away to defeat Elba 53-43.

Alvin Henderson scored 15 points and Chrystyle Caldwell added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jordan Marek 8, Byron Burks 4, Zaydrian Daniels 3, JT Coleman 2 and Chayse Peterson 1. Kobie Stringer scored 21 points and Avery Roberts added 20 to lead the Rebels.

## Zion Chapel 51 Elba 41

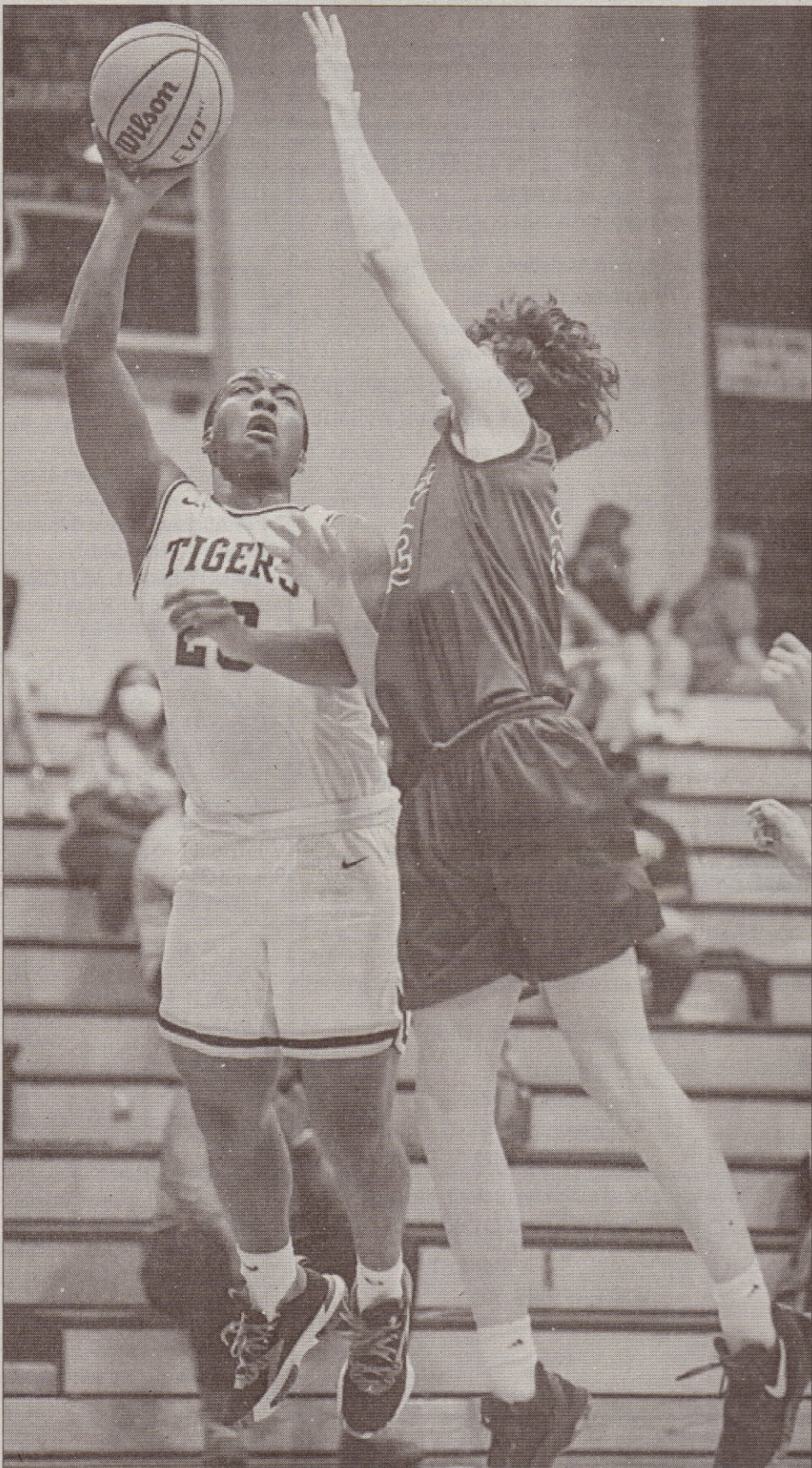
The Elba Tigers carried a two-point lead into the final stanza, but failed to turn back a furious fourth quarter rally by Zion Chapel as the Rebels rallied to hand the Tigers a 51-41 area loss.

Jordan Marek and Byron Burks nailed three-pointers in the first quarter to help the Tigers pull out to an early 11-9 lead, and Elba appeared ready to take command midway through the second quarter as its lead grew to 18-9 behind the play of Chrystyle Caldwell. Zion Chapel's Brady Cobb drained two long three-pointers in the closing minutes of the half as the Rebels closed with a 12-4 run to pull within 22-21 at intermission.

Elba managed only three field goals in the third quarter, but used an aggressive defense to stymie the Rebels and carried a 30-28 lead into the fourth quarter. JT Coleman scored 8 points for Elba in the final stanza in an attempt to keep the Tigers ahead, but Brady Cobb poured in 9 points in the stanza and the Rebels connected on 9 of 12 free throw attempts to pull away and hand Elba the key area defeat.

Elba, which hit only 8

I had a true 'coaching moment' I will never forget last week when I went to a local med clinic and when the doctor walked, in she said "Hey Coach." My doctor was a young lady that played for me almost twenty-five years ago and the smile on her face let me know she was genuinely happy to see me. She brought in two nurses to meet me and introduced me as her old coach that "completely changed my life." She told the nurses I taught her much more about life than just softball, and that I gave her the competitive drive to always work hard, never give up and the belief that she could succeed in anything she did. She said it was that confidence that helped her reach her goal in the medical field. I was a little disappointed when she came back in and told me I had tested positive for Covid, but not as disappointed as I was that because of Covid I couldn't give her a big hug. That trip to the med clinic resulted in one of the biggest wins of my career!



Elba Tiger Zay Daniels (23) drives past a defender for a basket in a recent win. The Tigers travel to Kinston Friday night fdr to battle the Bulldogs in a cross-county clash.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Chayse Peterson 2. Brady Cobb scored 18 points to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Rebels were Chase Horstman 9, Jacob Chestnut 8, Bryce Watson 7, Slade Grantham 4, Cole McDaniel 4, and Zay Adair 1.

## County Lake to reopen Feb. 2

The Coffee County Lake, located on County Road 364, six miles west of Elba, will reopen to the public for fishing on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

The lake has been closed for the past two months to allow renovations of piers and to allow restocking of catfish and bream.

The lake will be open from Wednesday through Sundays from sun-up until

sun-down. Daily fishing permits are \$3 per day for anglers ages 12-64, with senior citizens allowed to fish for no charge. A \$3 fee is charged for boat launches, and rental boats are \$5 per day.

A stocked bait shop is located at the lake with live and artificial bait, as well as concessions.

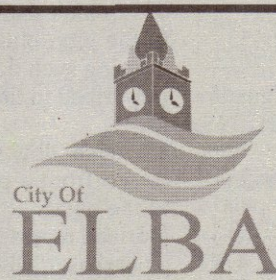
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Spotlight on Hunting



**FIRST DEER...**Luke Driggers, age 8, harvested his first deer, a 9-point buck, on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Luke is the son of Stephen and Megan Driggers of Kinston, Ala.



Elba Lady Tiger Kedra Juarez (25) gets in position to stop a Lady Rebel dribbler in last week's big 58-12 area win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

## High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

### VARSITY BOYS:

**Zion Chapel 82 Goshen 35** – The Zion Chapel Rebels made it look easy in an 82-35 win over the Goshen Eagles. Zay Adair scored 24 points to lead the Rebels, while Brady Cobb added 15 and Jacob Chestnut scored 14. Sherrod Thomas scored 8 points to lead the Eagles.

**Georgiana 73 Brantley 52** – The Brantley Bulldogs slipped into third place in the area standings with a 73-52 loss to the Georgiana Panthers. No individual stats were available.

**Opp 55 Kinston 30** – The Kinston Bulldogs never threatened in a surprising 55-30 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Cale Sumblin scored 12 points to lead the Bulldogs, while AJ Coleman scored 16 points and Jabbari Hill added 15 for the Bobcats.

### VARSITY GIRLS:

**Goshen 22 Zion Chapel 19** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a hard fought 22-19 decision to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Meri Cason Prescott scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel.

**Georgiana 67 Brantley 53** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw their record slip to 8-10 with a hard fought 67-53 loss to the Georgiana Lady Panthers. No individual stats were available.

**Opp 59 Kinston 25** – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs got roughed up on the road in a 59-25 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kelsi Cardwell scored 23 points to lead Kinston, while Opp was led by Vanessa Stoudemire with 27 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals.

### JUNIOR VARSITY:

**Zion Chapel 44 Goshen 18** – The Zion Chapel Rebels rolled to a big 44-18 win over the Goshen Eagles. Slade Grantham scored 12 points to lead the Rebels.

**Opp 32 Kinston 21** – The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 32-21 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Michael Thompson scored 12 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Joshua Smith scored 7 points and three Bobcat teammates added six points to lead Opp.

### Even record at 10-10

## Lady Tigers crush Zion Chapel 58-12

The Elba Lady Tigers split a pair of area games last week as their record went to 10-10 on the season and 3-2 in the area.

Following is a recap of last week's basketball action:

#### G.W. Long 60 Elba 22

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their area title hopes dashed last Tuesday night with a 60-22 home court loss to the sixth-ranked G.W. Long Lady Rebels.

Elba came out with a plan to slow down the game on the offensive end and the plan worked to perfection on the Lady Tigers end of the court as they connected on three of their six shots from the floor, including a three-pointer by Nina Williams, to score eight points in the quarter. Long didn't go along with the plan of their end of the court; however, as the Lady Rebels connected on four three-pointers in the opening stanza to grab a 16-8 lead, and added two three-pointers in the second quarter as they outscored Elba 19-4 to carry a big 35-12 lead in at intermission.

G.W. Long continued its assault from behind the arc with three more three-pointers in the third quarter as its lead grew to 56-16, and neither team could add many points to their totals in the fourth quarter as a running clock resulted in the Lady Tigers falling 60-22.

Nina Williams scored 14 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were A'Lyric Whitfield 3, Alayvia Stinson 2, Kendra Juarez 2 and Ny'Asia McCollough 1. MaKenna Long hit five three-pointers and scored 19 points to lead Long, while Emma Claire Long added 13 and Emmaline Hughes scored 11.

#### Elba 58 Zion Chapel 12

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to post a lopsided 58-12 area win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, Friday night in Elba.

Zion Chapel got Elba's attention early when a three-pointer by Elly Sheets pulled the Lady Rebels even at 5-5. However, Nina Williams and A'Lyric Whitfield combined for 13 first quarter points and both nailed long three-pointers as the Lady Tigers closed the stanza on a 10-0 run to



Elba Lady Tiger Casey Williams (2) dribbles upcourt in a recent area win. The Lady Tigers will travel to Kinston Friday night for a cross-county clash with the Lady Bulldogs.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

open up a 15-5 advantage. Williams and Whitfield combined for 16 points in the second quarter as Elba went on a 22-2 run to stretch its lead to 37-7 at intermission, while Brooke Tinsley scored 8 points in the third quarter from inside the paint to push the Lady Tigers lead to 52-11 as they rolled to the big win.

Nina Williams scored 19 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 13 to spark the Lady Tigers, while Brooke Tinsley added 10, Makayla Moore 6, Ny'Asia McCollough 4, and Casey Williams, Kendra Juarez and Brittany Williams all scored 2 points. Meri Cason Prescott scored 4 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kaylen McAllister and Elly Sheets both added 3 and Riley Bannin scored 2 points.

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### SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 27

Elba at Kinston  
Georgiana at Brantley

Friday, Jan. 28

Elba at Northside  
Methodist

Zion Chapel at  
Kinston

Monday, Jan. 31

Samson at Elba

Tuesday, Feb. 1

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Thursday, Feb. 3

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## LIFESTYLES

### Birthday Girl!!



Lily Daniels, left, celebrated her 6th birthday Saturday, Jan. 15th. A 'fantabulous' Make-Up Party was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, in honor of Lily's big day with her family and friends in attendance.

While all enjoyed special food treats together, it was the girls that got to enjoy fixing their nails and make-up during the party!

Lily is the daughter of Claude and Marsha Daniels of Elba. She has an older brother, Levi.

Make plans to visit now!

### Smithsonian traveling exhibit coming to Elba this February

The Alabama Humanities Alliance has partnered with the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (moMS) program to bring the Water/Ways traveling exhibition to five Alabama cities, and Elba is the final stop on the tour.

Traveling through five Alabama cities – Danville, Guntersville, Bessemer, Camden, and Elba – Water/Ways dives deep into the role that water plays in the everyday lives of Alabamians. That includes how water "connects us to nature, sustains life as we know it, nurtures our cities and our culture, unites or divides people and communities, and affects how we live, work, worship, create, and play.

This informative Smithsonian exhibit opens in Elba at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba) on Monday, Feb. 7th. It will be open each Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with free admission.

The exhibit will be in Elba through March 25th.

Also, Elba and the Alabama Humanities Alliance will host a SUPER Teacher Workshop – WATER WISE: Exploring the History, Diversity and Value of Alabama's Waterways in conjunction with the exhibit on Friday,

Feb. 11, at the Elba Public Library, also located in downtown Elba.

Participants of the workshop will explore how Alabama's waterways have shaped Alabama's history, learn to use Google Earth in the classroom, tour the traveling Smithsonian exhibit at the Elba Theatre, and walk to the WPA levee in Elba. Instructors will be Dr. Jim Brown, Ph.D., retired historian (Samford University), and Dr. Bill Deutsch, Ph.D., retired aquatic biologist (Auburn University).

Teacher benefits include a \$100 stipend, 5 CEU credits, lunch, tour of Water/Ways, and copy of Dr. Deutsch's book, Alabama Rivers.

Visit the website [https://alabamahumanities.org/program/water-ways/] to register for the teacher workshop.

For more information about the exhibit and/or the teacher workshop, contact Sandy Bynum-Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Call (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net [or see the insert included with this week's newspaper].

"We are very excited to have this exhibit coming to Elba and hope everyone plans to stop by and see it," said Bynum-Williams.

### Elba's Coleman Funeral Home participates in "Retire Your Flag Program"

According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Wiregrass Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and Coffee County Veterans have partnered with local funeral homes to implement the "Retire Your Flag Program" for veterans.

When a veteran is cremated, a flag will be cremated with him/her. In doing this, both the veteran and the flag are honored in a very special way.

SAR President Travis

Parker explained, "This is a very fitting and dignified way for both the veteran and the flag to take the next step in their journey and do it together. Since the veteran and the flag 'served together' in life, it's only fitting that they leave together."

The first three funeral homes in Coffee County to provide this service are Coleman in Enterprise and Elba, Searcy in Enterprise, and Sorrells in Enterprise. Anyone with a worn, tattered, or torn flag can drop it off at any of these homes or contact Travis Parker (334-494-7846) to have it picked up.



Local SAR president Travis Parker (left) is pictured with Greg Sowell, owner of Coleman Funeral Home (Elba & Enterprise). Sowell's two funeral homes are participants in the "Retire Your Flag Program" sponsored by the local SAR organization and Coffee County veterans.

### Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited to attend.

Meetings are held at Church on Boll Weevil Circle located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Call 334-894-6411 for more info.

### While four local students make Dean's List

### Elba's Lauren Haley named to President's List for University of Alabama's Fall 2021 term

A total of 11,979 students enrolled during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List or President's List for academic honors.

Locally, Lauren Haley of Elba received the President's List honor with her academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Local students making the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) were Anna Jackson of Elba; Ashton Patel and Courtney Teel, both of Kinston; and Madison Askins of New Brockton.



MS. LBW 2022 WAS CROWNED Thursday, January 20. The winner received a \$3,000 Institutional Scholarship and an invitation to compete at Miss Alabama Volunteer. Pictured from left with titles are: Ja'Naudia Johnson, Spirit Award; Abbie Wood, Self Expression; Tori Hobbs, MS. LBW 2022 and Interview; Katie King, Director of Student & Community Engagement and Pageant Coordinator; Maggie Hammonds, Wellness (of Elba); and Audrey Danford, First Alternate and Talent.



Students in the Elba Youth Leadership Program are shown enjoying refreshments together Monday evening, Jan. 24, during a reception held at Elba High School for them. To be a fundraiser for Elba High School football

### Wrestling event coming to Elba in March

A fundraiser planned in March to benefit the Elba High School football program will bring live TNA Wrestling action to the Elba High School gymnasium.

On Friday, March 18, an in-school show will be held in conjunction with a drug prevention program at 2 p.m. for Elba High School and Elba Elementary School students. Admission to this program is only \$2. At 7 p.m. that night, a community show

will be held inside the high school gymnasium. This will include a five-match event filled with fun and family entertainment. There also will be a Battle Royal to end the evening. Tickets will go on sale soon for the Friday night, March 18, event. Ticket prices will be: \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ringside seating [ringside seating will be limited].

### Alabama extension to host annual Wiregrass Cotton Expo on Feb. 11

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host the 2022 Wiregrass Cotton Expo on Friday, Feb. 11, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Ala.

The expo will feature a vendor tradeshow, and extension specialists speaking on a variety of topics including agronomic updates, the cotton market outlook for 2022, cotton chemical updates, and more.

Registration for the Wiregrass Cotton Expo begins at 7:30 a.m. with the expo beginning at 8:30 a.m. The expo is free to attend and includes a sponsored lunch for those who attend. There will also be CCA

and Pesticide points available for license holders.

For more information, contact the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center at 334-693-3800.

### Elba Public Library Hours:

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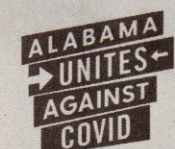
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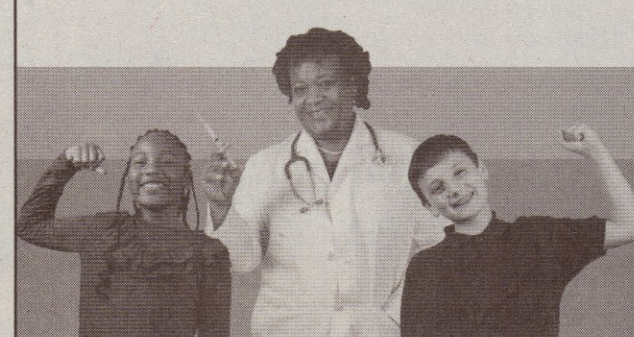
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